



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 6

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Completeness Review of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) Application for Partial NPDES Program Authorization

FROM: William K. Honker, P.E., Acting Director
Water Quality Protection Division (6WQ)

TO: Nancy Stoner
Acting Assistant Administrator for Water (4101M)

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) submitted a formal application for approval to administer a partial National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program covering discharges within its jurisdiction. As required by 40 CFR 123.21(b)(1), EPA must now determine the completeness of the ODAFF application.

I want to thank you for your staffs' diligence in reviewing the many draft program authorization documents that ODAFF has provided to our Agency over the past few years. We have worked with ODAFF informally since 2009 to identify and resolve known completeness and approvability issues prior to ODAFF's submittal of a formal authorization request, and we have continued to work with them since submittal of the formal package to address any remaining completeness issues. The Region 6 Water Quality Protection Division, with input from Regional Counsel and the Region 6 Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division, has made a determination that the ODAFF submittal is complete. I would now like to enlist your support in quickly making a determination regarding the completeness of ODAFF's official submission.

We have committed to provide to ODAFF the Agency's determination of completeness by Friday, September 14, 2012. Toward this end, I request your office's concurrence by Wednesday, September 12, 2012, with the Region 6 determination that ODAFF's submittal is complete.

I appreciate your assistance in expediting the completeness review of the ODAFF program authorization request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff contact mine.

cc: Deborah Nagle (4203M)
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